



Dennis and Korinne Holt

Youth With A Mission The Nation of Georgia

Dennis and Korinne are long-time Island Family married here in Avalon! Dennis grew up in Avalon, was part of the Community Church youth group, and later served as TeenCenter director. Dennis and Korinne, along with their children, have been serving with YWAM in Eastern Europe for twenty-five years, seven of those years in Russia, and now eighteen as leaders of the YWAM Base in the nation of Georgia.

Georgia is located at the crossroads of Europe and Western Asia, and on the border of traditionally Christian and Islamic lands. It unified as a Christian nation over 1500 years ago and remains an Orthodox Christian nation to this day, although 10% of the population is Muslim. At various times it has been conquered by Muslims, Mongols, Turks, Persians, Russians, and finally by the Soviet Union. In 1991, as the Soviet Union was about to collapse, Georgia declared its independence.

Today, Dennis and Korinne have a staff of 25 in four locations with a vital outreach mission to both Orthodox and Muslims alike. They host and lead a number of YWAM Discipleship Training Schools (DTS) with students from around the world. The DTS is both a means to grow believers in their Christian faith and then give them practical experience in spreading the Gospel in both Georgia and other nations. They also regularly host retreats and conferences for other YWAM leadership teams from the nations that surround them.

Current Prayer Needs:

- Summer camps being organized for children, women, and families.
- A special "Missions" camp to introduce young people to missions.
- A large DTS team from Norway is arriving this month. Pray that they would have an effective outreach in the capital city of Tbilisi.
- Construction on some staff housing is schedule to begin soon. Pray that finances come in and for teams of volunteers to help with the building.
- Pray for their safety and the stability of the whole region as the war in Ukraine affects all that they do.
- They have always had a heart for Georgia and Eastern Europe, but God seems to be urging them to expand their work into Central Asia and beyond.
- **PRAISE:** Their son Jesse's wife Maaike gave birth on July 12 to baby Lydia. Mom and baby are doing well!

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